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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS: ROBERT S. WATSON, TREASURY

1. TREASURY OFFICIAL ROBERT S. WATSON, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL FINANCE, PLANNING TRIP WEST AFRICA AND MOROCCO MAY 18-JUNE 9 IN CONNECTION WORLD BANK GROUP OPERATIONS IN AREA. REFER TO DEPT'S A-7648 OF SEPTEMBER 6, 1973.(SEE PAGE3 FOR CONTINUATION OF ADDED PARA.)

2. ARRIVING CASABLANCA 1945 JUNE 2 VIA RK332 FROM DAKAR. DEPARTING CASABLANCA 0900 JUNE 3 VIA AT780 AND ARRIVING RABAT 0925. IN RABAT/CASABLANCA, AS PROGRAM MAY BE ARRANGED, THROUGH JUNE 8, DEPARTING CASABLANCA 1105 JUNE 9 VIA PA155 FOR NEW YORK.

3. EMBASSY/AID REQUESTED ARRANGE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM,
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LOCAL TRANSPORT AND NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR

WATSON VISIT. SCHEDULE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ON-SITE VISITS TO WORLD BANK FINANCED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITH APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS WITH MISSION AND GOM OFFICIALS. IF NECESSARY TREASURY WILL REIMBURSE LOCAL TRANSPORT COSTS.

4. DISCUSSIONS WITH WORLD BANK HERE (BART AND GUILLOT) SUGGEST FEASIBILITY PROGRAM ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: JUNE 3 RABAT CONSULTATIONS AND BRIEFING WITH MISSION AND GOM OFFICIALS AND BORROWERS BNDE, AGRICULTURAL BANK CNCA AND ONEP. JUNE 4 VISIT TO SEBOU AGRICULTURAL PROJECT AREA INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVE FARMS AND IRRIGATION FACILITIES. JUNE 5 VISIT TO BOU REGREG DAM AND TREATMENT PLANT MORNING, TRAVEL TO CASABLANCA (TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS REQUESTED) AND CONSULTATION WITH HOTEL FINANCING ENTITY CIH IN AFTERNOON. JUNE 6 VISIT TO BNDE SUB-BORROWERS CASABLANCA AREA IN MORNING FOLLOWED BY TRAVEL TO MARRAKESH (TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS REQUESTED). JUNE 7 VISITS TO CIH, CNCA AND BNDE FINANCED PROJECTS MARRAKESH AREA. RETURN CASABLANCA FROM MARRAKESH JUNE 8. DEPART CASABLANCA JUNE 9 AS INDICATED PARA 2 ABOVE.

5. WORLD BANK WILL BE ALERTING GOM OF WATSON VISIT.

6. MISSION/CONGEN REQUESTED MAKE CONFIRMED HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR DATES INDICATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH VISIT PROGRAM TO BE WORKED OUT AND ADVISE. IF FEASIBLE. RECEIPT PRELIMINARY INDICATION WATSON VISIT PROGRAM BEFORE MAY 15 WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
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